

**POLLOKSHIELDS CHURCH OF SCOTLAND, GLASGOW**

**No. 18**

**June 2012**

# NEW VISION



## **Our Mission Statement:**

*'Showing forth the love of Christ in  
a Multi-Faith Community'*

<b>Minister:</b>	<b>The Rev David Black</b>	<b>423 4000</b>
<b>Session Clerk:</b>	<b>Mrs Mary Morrison</b>	<b>632 1659</b>

## SUNDAY SERVICES IN JUNE

3<sup>rd</sup> 11:00 Junior Church Promotions and Admission of  
New Members followed by Church Lunch

3:30 Scottish Asian Christian Fellowship

10<sup>th</sup> 11:00 Sacrament of Holy Communion,  
Junior Church and Crèche

17<sup>th</sup> 11:00 Morning Worship led by Guest Preacher:  
Miss Ann McDonald  
Junior Church and Crèche

24<sup>th</sup> 11:00 Morning Worship, Junior Church Club & Crèche



Church Services during JULY & AUGUST

11:00 Morning Worship, Junior Church Club and Crèche

**Copy date of the next New Vision is 19<sup>th</sup> August**



## Message from the Manse

Celebration has always been at the heart of the Christian community, and there is much to give thanks for this month.

On the 3rd of June, we celebrate the life of our church with the welcome of new members. We'll also celebrate the achievements of our young people with the Junior Church Promotions that day and include our celebration of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee with lunch at the close of worship.

The following week we celebrate our life as community of faith in our quarterly communion, when we gather round the Lord's table with all who love Him, to share the sacrament together.

But our mission is not to be inward looking but to promote the Gospel outwards – out to the parish and community around us, that they might come and find a place and a cause for celebration (of faith and community) here.

Therefore we are beginning further initiatives in trying to have the church sanctuary open more regularly throughout the week, especially when other user groups are in the rest of our premises.

We will also be holding a new series of summer discussions around the theme of "peace" throughout July and other fresh ideas to promote our welcome of the wider community to engage with the Gospel.

Meanwhile if you are fortunate enough to be able to celebrate the summer by going on holiday please take our greetings with you wherever you go even as we look to welcome visitors here to our city, our community and our church.

**Rev David R Black.**

## Matthew says 'Thank You'

**SPRING CONCERT  
FOR LUGOJ**

Enabling Matthew to help with disabled orphans in Romania

TENOR  
VIOLIN  
HARP

ENTRY  
BY  
DONATION

Matthew Todd (Tenor)  
with Special Guests  
Accompanist: Bob Simans

*Bach - Chilcott -  
Massenet - Di Capua -  
Sullivan and many more.*

www.matthew-todd.co.uk

**Saturday 21 April 2012 - 7.30pm**  
Pollokshields Church of Scotland  
525 Shields Road, Glasgow, G41 2RF

Matthew Todd would like to thank everyone who supported his concert on the 21<sup>st</sup> April. He would also like to thank the ladies who made the tea, especially the lady who supplied the home baking.

All the support he was shown made the night a huge success.

The amount raised from donations was nearly £600. This will help Matthew to help the orphans of Lugoj.

# **My Little Hermit Crab**

## **An Allegory**

I had a little hermit crab.

Like all hermit crabs it had no shell of its own, so I provided it with an Empty whelk shell, in which it could be safe and grow. This was the first, and a good, arrangement (or covenant). But the crab's growth was constrained and restricted in both size and shape by the whelk shell, so the arrangement could only be temporary.

When the crab outgrew its former home and ventured out it enjoyed its new freedom, but it was soft and unprotected.

I made a new agreement (or covenant). I gave it my ideas on how it should grow. It took these ideas aboard and developed accordingly. In return I would look after and protect it.

Sometimes though, because it had outgrown its former strict rules for growth it would go its own way and not mine. This grieved me.

But I still loved my little hermit crab.



## **A Update from The Way**

The last session of this term of The Way is on 10<sup>th</sup> June when Rev Paul Jupp will be the speaker. The evening will end with a barbecue.

Changes in the future of 'The Way' will have to be considered as I have become involved in Eaglesham Parish Youth Club which meets on a Sunday night. They are struggling for leaders as two of the present leaders are leaving at the summer. I believe that God is calling me towards this work.

Pollokshields United Reform Church has decided that it will cease to exist. One of the leaders can't really justify continued involvement in 'The Way' beyond the summer as his contribution was linked to PURC. However Hutchesons' Grammer School are still happy for 'The Way' to continue and even use the new Drama building.

It is hoped to encourage Pollokshields Churches Together to take on the leadership of 'The Way'. This would be a good base from which to pull young people from and not end up being a club with a small number of young people know to the leaders. When I started leading 'The Way' it was hoped that in one year, two of the most PCT would appoint a Youth Worker who would take over the Leadership and I would still like this to happen. I think it would be great to see 'The Way' continue particularly with the positive meeting with the school.

**Colin Macleod**

## Life and Work June Issue

June Life & Work is out now, it includes the following articles and more:

- **Regulars**

**The Big Question** – What are your memories of the Coronation?

**Keep the Faith** – Ron Ferguson pays tribute to the work of a remarkable Church couple

**Changing Church** – Thomas Baldwin discovers a project in Dundee which is improving the lives of young parents and their children.

- **Features**

**The Spiritual Heart of the Monarchy** – In a special reflection to mark the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, the Rev Dr Ian Bradley examines the spiritual influence of the Church of Scotland on the monarchy.

**A Decade of Change** – Ten years on from the publication of *Outside Verdict*, his controversial critique of the state of Church of Scotland, Harry Reid reflects on the state of the Church today and looks ahead to the future.

**Twenty Years of the Glasgow Gospel** – Thomas Baldwin celebrate the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of a landmark Church publication which has captured the public's imagination for more than two decades.

If you are interested in reading any of the above articles, Please speak to Elizabeth McKissock.

## A Poem to Ponder Over

I was shocked, confused, bewildered  
As I entered Heaven's door,  
Not by the beauty of it all,  
Nor the lights or its décor.

But it was the folks in Heaven  
Who made me sputter and gasp—  
The thieves, the liars, the sinners,  
The alcoholics and the trash.

There stood the kid from seventh grade  
Who swiped my lunch money twice.  
Next to him my old neighbour  
Who never said anything nice.

Bob, who I always thought  
Was rotting away in hell,  
Was sitting pretty on cloud nine  
Looking incredibly well.

I nudged Jesus, 'What's the deal?  
I would love to hear YOUR take.  
How's all these sinners get up here?  
God must've made a mistake.

'And why is everyone so quiet,  
So somber – give me a clue.'  
'Hush, Child,' He said,



'they're all in shock.  
No one thought they'd be seeing you'

JUDGE NOT!!

Remember...Just going to church doesn't make you a  
Christian any more than standing in your garage makes  
you a car.

Every saint has a PAST...  
Every sinner has a FUTURE!  
Now it's your turn...Share this poem.

Life without God is like  
An unsharpened pencil  
It has no point.

## **Thank You**

This is the last New Vision before the summer break.

It is the time to say thank you to everyone who  
contributes to making the magazine a success.

The people who contribute articles, the ladies who collate  
and make up the folders and our faithful deliverers who  
make sure the congregation gets their magazines. Without  
you all this would not be possible.

So Thank You.



## Church Music

**Liam will be playing the following music on the Organ in June.** The music will have a ROYAL association.

### **Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> June:**

Anthem: The King Shall Rejoice – Handel (1685-1759)

Offertory: Dem Fernen – Prince Albert of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha (1819-1861)

Voluntary: La Rejouissance (from Music for the Royal Fireworks) – Handel (1685-1795)

### **Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> June:**

Introit: O taste and see - Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

Offertory: Andante from Sonata in F Kv 13 – Mozart (1759-1791)

Voluntary: The Prince of Denmark's March- Jeremiah Clarke(1673-1707)

### **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> June**

Anthem: God be in my Head – Walford Davies (1869-1941)

Offertory: La Paix (from Music for the Royal Fireworks) – Handel (1685-1759)

Voluntary: Arrival of the Queen of Sheba – Handel (1685-1759)

### **Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> June:**

Anthem: I give you a new Commandment – Peter Aston (b.1938)

Offertory: Fantazia of Foure Parts – Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625)

Voluntary: Variations on God save the Queen – Charles Ives (1874-1954)

## A Date for your Diary

Please put Friday, September 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm into your diary and tell all your friends.

On this date the Osiligi Warriors from Kenya will join us in the Church as part of their 2012 tour of the UK to raise funds for their villages and for Christian Aid. The evenings are terrific fun, with singing, dancing, audience participation, the lot.

For more information

<http://www.osiligiwarriors.co.uk/troupe.html>

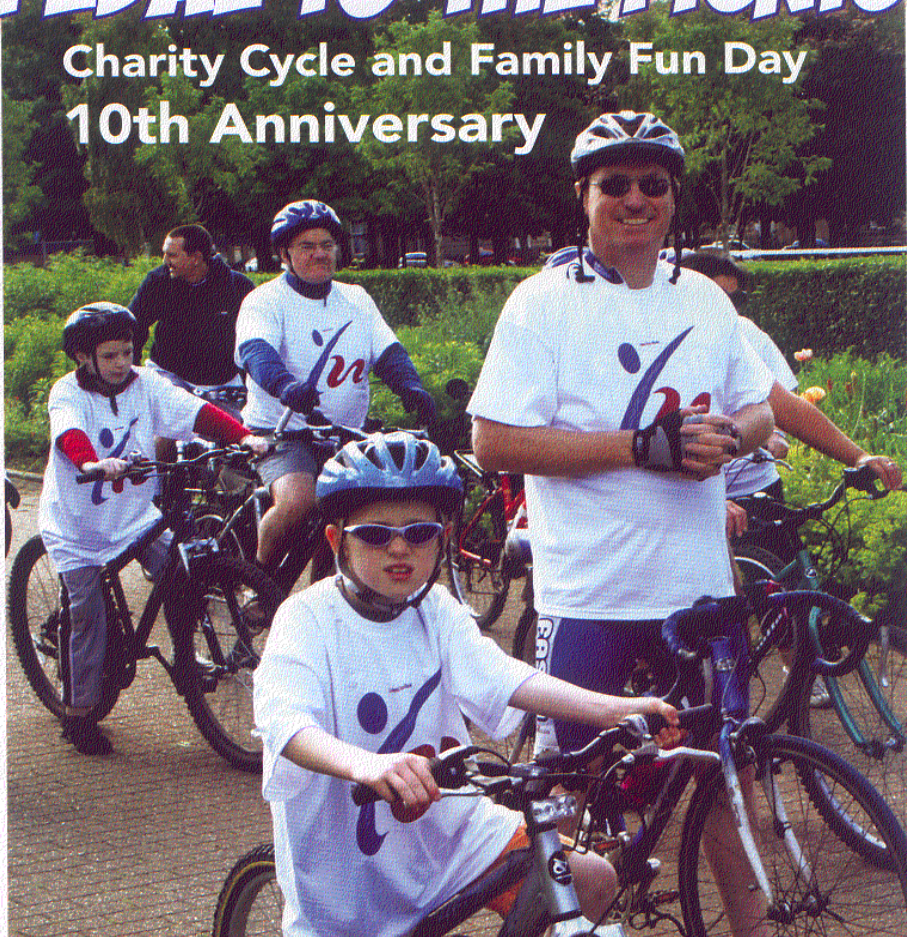


# Support the Lodging House Mission

Information and registration forms can be obtained from Elva Carlisle

## PEDAL TO THE PICNIC

Charity Cycle and Family Fun Day  
10th Anniversary



**Sat 16th June 2012**  
SECC > Clydebank > Kelvingrove

 LHM  
Brighter Futures

# The Local Charity Shop

Despite the recession we have had a very good year.

At our A.G.M. we donated our profit as follows:

Enable Glasgow	£14293.00
Motor Neurone Disease Scotland	£ 880.00
Maggies Centres Glasgow	£ 880.00
Scottish Spina Bifida Association	£ 880.00
Scottish Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals	£ 880.00
St Albert Church Pollokshields	£ 54.00

Under the terms of our Constitution, Enable receive 80% of profits.

The other donations are suggested each year by our Volunteers.

The Shop is open:

Weekdays – apart from Tuesdays – from 10:00am to 4:00pm

Saturday from 10:00 to 1:00pm

So....please don't pass us by – come in and BUY!

**J Provan**

Please come to our PCT Holiday Club

OLYMPIC CHALLENGE



6th - 10th August 2012  
10 - 12 noon



Sherbrooke St. Gilbert's Church: Boys/Girls P1-S1

OLYMPICS

0141 427 1968

 [sherbrooke-init@btconnect.com](mailto:sherbrooke-init@btconnect.com)

Lunch available 12 - 1pm for £1

# **The Guild**

## **The Guild theme for 2011 -2012 "Called to walk humbly with God"**

This Session of The Guild has finished. If you would like any information, please contact The President, Miss Marjory Swan via our web site.

## **Rainbows**

Rainbows meet on Tuesday 6:00pm – 7:00pm for ages 5 – 7 years in the Hall. Rainbows play games; do craft work and have lots of fun. They then progress to Brownies at the age of 7 years.

## **Brownies**

Brownies meet on Wednesday 5:30pm – 7:10pm for ages 7 – 11 years in the Hall. Brownies are involved in badge work, games and have lots of fun. They progress to Guides at the age of 11 years.

## **Guides**

Guides meet on Wednesday 7:30pm – 9:00pm for ages 11 – 15 years in the Hall. Guides play games, learn to cook and work towards Guide badges.

Be in touch!  
Send us original articles,  
Views, snippets of news-  
Anything you would like to share with  
other people

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